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AUTOMATED STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL DEVICE AND METHOD

Title (de)

AUTOMATISCHE LAGER- UND ENTNAHMEVORRICHTUNG UND ZUGEHÖRIGES VERFAHREN

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DISPOSITIF ET PROCEDE DE STOCKAGE ET D'EXTRACTION AUTOMATISES

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Abstract (en)

[origin: US2003000597A1] A device and method for the automated storage and retrieval of trays holding subject matter. A plurality of trays is inserted into an access device. A computer system is programmed to control a storage gantry to move the trays between the access device, a storage rack and a work cell gantry. The computer system is also programmed to control the work cell gantry to move the subject matter to and from an automated receiving machine. In a preferred embodiment, the subject matter in the trays is a plurality of micro-well plates in which microscopic crystals may be growing and the automated receiving machine is configured to inspect and classify microscopic crystals. The inspecting and classifying device has an indexing device for sequentially placing microscopic crystals in camera-view of a camera and a control computer is programmed to control the indexing device and to cause the camera to take images of the microscopic crystals and then transfer the images to a classifying processor where the images are classified. In a preferred embodiment, the microscopic crystals are protein crystals that have been grown in the wells of micro-well plates.

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